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FOREST SERVICE

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THE FORESTER  
AND REFER TO



WASHINGTON

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Maps, D-3, Lincoln,  
Geographic Names

December 3, 1927.

Secretary,

United States Geographic Board.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Referring to your letter of April 28, 1927:

This matter has dragged along for some time, but the Forester is now in receipt of a letter from the District Forester at Albuquerque, New Mexico, which is as follows:

"The copy of Mr. Barnes' letter of May 2 was sent to the Supervisor of the Lincoln Forest for such further action as may be desired by the interested parties. It seems that the Supervisor took this matter up with the Alamogordo Commercial Club and they on May 19, 1927 informed the Supervisor that Sierra Blanca was probably the best name for this peak and they decided to let the matter drop. A copy of the letter mentioned, together with a copy of the Supervisor's letter, is attached hereto, all of which indicates that no further action is now desired."

The letter from the Secretary of the Alamogordo Commercial Club, a copy of which was inadvertently not forwarded this office at the time it was received, is as follows:

"After reviewing the correspondence of the Assistant Forester and Secretary, United States Geographic Board, relative to changing the name of the peak from Sierra Blanca to Lincoln, we have decided that probably Sierra Blanca is the best name and that to change it would require time of Government officials and education of the local people."

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"However, as Sierra Blanca is the correct name, and not White Mountain, commonly called locally, we would urge that your department do everything possible to have it called by its correct name."

As the matter now stands, the commercial club does not desire any change in the name Sierra Blanca. It would be well, however, to look into the question of the name "Cerro Blanco" which is applied to what I believe to be the same mountain. A review of the maps in our office shows that the latest and newest map of New Mexico, the Geological Survey map of 1925, gives the triangulation station as Cerro Blanco. It might be desirable to inquire into this matter and see whether this is a wrong spelling of the word "Sierra" on the part of the Geological Survey, so that in the event that is a fact the proper corrections can be made by the Survey at some later date.

Very sincerely yours,



WILL C. BARNES  
Assistant Forester.